(c) whether Government propose to revamp/expand it in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to expand the Barauni Fertilizer Unit, due to its poor capacity utilisation and continuous losses. As regards its revamping, no decision has been taken.

खरपतवार-नाशक दवा 24–डी के प्रयोग पर प्रतिबंध

*373. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में किसान 24–डी नामक खरपतवार–नाशक दवा का प्रयोग कर रहे हैं जिससे मिट्टी की उर्वरकता नष्ट हो जाती है और उसे बंजर भूमि में बदल देती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस रसायन के उत्पादन और आयात पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री जी०एस० ढिल्लो) : (क) 24-डी तथा उनके विभिन्न मिश्रणों (फार्मुलेशन्स) से चावल (वर्षा–सिंचित) गेंहूं, आलू तथा गन्ने में खरपतवारों का नियंत्रण करने में बहुत अच्छा परिणाम दिखाया है। सिफारिश की गई मात्राओं में इन कृमिनाशक दवाओं के प्रयोग से मिट्टी की उर्वरकता पर कोई प्रतिकूल प्रभाव नहीं दिखायी पड़ता और वे अनुवर्ती फसलों के लिए कोई विषाक्तता नहीं रहने देते हैं।

(ख) (क) को देखते हुए, प्रश्न ही नहीं होता है।

Second Master[1] Plan for Delhi

*377. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are formulating second Master Plan for Delhi so as to check the growing menace of encroachments;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items which appeared in the Times of India of the 25th and 26th October, 1986 respectively under the captions "The Vanishing Pavments" and "Encroachments a major problem"; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI); (a) to (c) The Master Plan of Delhi which has been in operation since 1962 is proposed to be comprehensively revised, with a perspective upto the year 2001, with a view to providing for the planned development and purposeful transformation of the socioeconomic natural and built environment of the city for facing the contemporary challenges.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Encroachments on pavements, public streets, etc. are dealt with by the local authorities concerned in accordance with the provisions of their respective Acts and the TUIes/regulations[bye-laws made thereunder.

Security free loan for weaker sections

*378. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Rural Development Ministers who met recently in Delhi have suggested that the security free bank loans for the weaker sections should be doubled;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made thereat; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?